(3) Increasing productivity;

(4) Increased vegetable production;

(5) Development of horticulture in arid zones; and

(6) Integrated development of horticulture industry including post harvest handling marketing and export.

Additional storage capacity during the Seventh Five Year Plan

*452. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the requirement for additional storage capacity for foodgrains during the Seventh Five-Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps are being taken to provide more storage capacity to prevent foodgrain losses;

(d) whether Government propose to seek assistance from the World Bank in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken for the immediate solution of the problem?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) As on 1.7.1985, the covered storage capacity with the Food Corporation of India and State agencies for foodgrains is estimated at about 23.80 million tonnes. On the basis of the existing foodgrain stock of 29.17 million tonnes, the total requirement of storage capacity for foodgrains works out to about 34.00 million tonnes.

The stock level and therefore the storage capacity required to hold it through the Seventh Five Year Plan would depend on the production, procurement and distribution in the coming years.

(c) and (e) An outlay of Rs. 240.00 crores has been provided for construction of additional storage capacity during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. This would enable an additional capacity of about '.00 million tonnes to be constructed during the Plan period, of which about 4.00 million tonnes would be available for foodgrains.

As an immediate solution to the problem (i) the Food Corporation of India has been making efforts to hire additional storage capacity from various sources; (ii) efforts are on to step up the utilisation of the available storage capacity by increasing stack height, reducing alleyways, etc.; and (ii) arrangements have been made to keep the stocks under cover-and-plinth (CAP) arrangement with adequate precautions to protect them against losses.

(d) A project for construction of storage capacity of 53.90 lakh tonnes at an estimated cost of Rs. 373.85 crores has been posed by the Government to the World Bank for financial assistance. The reaction of the World Bank to the proposal is still awaited.

Complaints against Overseas Engineering and Construction Corporation Delhi

*453. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 139 workers recruited by the Overseas Engineering and Construction Corporation, Delhi have been repatriated from Libya recently;

(b) if so, what are the reason for their repatriation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the worker have not been paid till today any salary from the time they joined duty in Libya;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to get the money due to them; and

(e) what action has been taken against the recruiting agency for the misappropriation of the money and for harassment of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) It is a fact that 139 workers recruited by the Overseas Engineering and Construction Corporation, Delhi have since been repatriated from Libya.

(b) The workers were repatriated due to pre-mature termination of the contract.

(c) It is also a fact that the workers have not been paid till today any salarly from the time they joined in Libya.

(d) Necessary steps have been initiated to forfeit the Bank Guarantee of the Recruiting Agency. Indian Embassy is making all out efforts to get the dues paid.

(e) The Registration of the Recruiting Agent has been suspended. The matter has also been referred to the Police.

New schemes for rural upliftment

*454. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new scheme for the rural upliftment and wheher these schemes envisage creation of a cadre of young men and young women who are willing to adopt rural development as their profession;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the manner in which these schemes are likely to help provide gainful employment to the rural poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

सूचना संचार माध्यम के विभाग/प्रभाग

*455. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के अधीन मीडिया विभागों और प्रभागों की कार्यविधि में यथोचित परिवर्तन करके उन्हें अधिक सक्षम बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है और क्या मीडिया प्रभागों को समाप्त कर देने की योजना कार्यान्वित की जा रही है; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या सभी मीडिया विभागों और प्रभागों की उपयोगिता का पुनरावलोकन किया जा रहा है ताकि उनके योगदान का पता लगाया जा सके ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री वि० एन० गाडगिल): (क) और (ख) सभी मौजूदा माध्यम एकक काफी सक्षम हैं। उनके कार्य संचालन की विभिन्न स्तरों पर समय समय पर समीक्षा की जाती है। यह प्रक्रिया यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए चलती रहती है कि यह माध्यम एकक अपने कार्यकरण में सुधार जारी रखें तथा दक्षता के उच्चतर स्तर पर कार्य करें। इस मंत्रालय के किसी भी माध्यम एकक को समाप्त करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।